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# Island Insight



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## RIA Computers for Learning

### Program Helps Schools, Charities:

Students at a Davenport school will have better access to computers thanks to their school's participation in the Army's Computers for Learning program at Rock Island Arsenal. When Soldiers arrived at All Saints Catholic School with the donated computers they were met by students and staff. They lined the hallway, waving American flags and

thanking the Soldiers for helping them. A total of 79 computers were donated as part of the program according to Arsenal officials. The Computers for Learning program has helped many schools and non-profit organizations obtain newer computer technology at no cost. Members of the Rock Island Arsenal Sgt. Audie Murphy Club helped load and unload the computers to be taken to the All Saints School. The club is the

local chapter of an Army wide organization of enlisted and non-commissioned officer which commemorates the memory of the Army's most highly decorated Soldier via participation in community events and leadership programs. Lorna McDaniel-Wilson, school liaison officer for Rock Island



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Arsenal, stated that due to security protection, Department of Defense computers must to be updated frequently. ([More](#))

## **WWII Flier Honored In RIA National Cemetery Memorial Service:**

Lt. Louis Longman, of Clinton, Iowa -- "Looney" to his affectionate family -- went missing in a P-38J Lightning fighter plane in 1944 at age 26. His remains were returned to his family in a funeral April 12 at Rock Island National Cemetery. A flight of F-16s, from the North Dakota Air National Guard, flew over the funeral to commemorate the internment, which was given full military honors. ([More](#))



## **Army Working Group Held at JMC to Synchronize Ammunition**

### **Requirements:**

The Joint Munitions Command's Munitions Logistics Readiness Center hosted a



semiannual Total Army Ammunition Authorization and Allocation Committee working group meeting here, April 14-17. ([More](#))

## **ASC Soldiers Escort Burial Flag:**

Soldiers from U.S. Army Sustainment Command escort two burial flags as returning Honor Flight veterans arrive at Quad City International Airport Wednesday night (April 16, 2014). The burial flags were carried on the flight to Washington, D.C. to be used in a special memorial ceremony honoring veterans. ([Photo](#))



## **RIA Volunteer Contributions**

**Honored:** More than 70 volunteers were recognized for donating more than \$250,000 worth of time to Rock Island Arsenal programs at the National Volunteer Week Recognition Ceremony Tuesday, April 8, at Rock Island Arsenal. Army Volunteer Week runs from April 6 to April 13 this year. The theme for this year's week is "Army Volunteers:



# Upcoming Dates

**April 19:** RIA Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Park, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**April 20:** Easter Brunch, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**April 21:** Boundless Playground Dedication & Army Family Covenant Signing, 10 a.m.

**April 22:** Army Earth Day [📅](#)

**April 22-24:** DA Photo Studio

**April 22-25:** JMC Pre-Command Course

**April 23:** Administrative Professionals Day  
**April 24:** Community Information Exchange, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 9 a.m.

**April 24:** RIA Council of Colonels/Deputies Luncheon, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.

**April 24:** RIA Quarterly Retirement and Retreat Ceremony, Heritage Hall, 2 p.m.

**April 24:** Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day [📅](#)

**April 24-25:** CASA Forum on RIA, by First Army

**April 26:** March of Dimes Walk, RIA, 9 a.m.

**April 27:** Arbor Day

**April 28:** Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 11:30 a.m.

**April 29:** Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council, Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 10 a.m.

**April 30 & May 1:** Spring Vendor Fair, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60 [📅](#)

**May 2-3:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Army JROTC "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge (Naval Operations Support Center Rock Island)

**May 7-8:** Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium, iWireless Center

**May 9:** Military Spouse Appreciation Day, 1-4 p.m., Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse

**May 9:** River Bandits Military Appreciation Day, Modern Woodman Park

**May 10:** Cinco De Mayo Dinner & Dance, Heritage Hall, 4-5 p.m.

**May 15:** Soldiers Show, Adler Theater, 7 p.m. [📅](#)



Changing Lives and Communities."  
([More](#))

**TACOM Life Cycle Management Commanding General Bids Farewell to RIA-JMTC Employees:** Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commanding general of the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command visited Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center on Thursday to bid farewell to the Arsenal employees before his change of command in June in Warren, Mich. "I am very proud of the work you do here," Terry remarked. ([More](#))



**Army Sustainment Command Graduates 5 Soldiers in Tactical Combatives Course:** Fight or flight; it's you or me; live or die. Some military personnel have to make split-second choices to sustain the mission and come out alive when the enemy will be physically upon them in seconds. Hence,



there is always a need to train Soldiers to how defend themselves mainly using their body. ([More](#))

**Bldg. 60 Cafeteria Reopening:** Come see the newly remodeled cafeteria in Bldg. 60. Treat America will be reopening the cafeteria on Monday, **April 21**. Breakfast will be served 6-8:30 a.m., and lunch will be 10:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Grab-n-Go will be open 24/7. The Starbucks area will only have smoothies available at this time.



**Boundless Playground Dedication & Army Family Covenant Signing Ceremony:** The Rock Island Arsenal is the new home of a "[Boundless Certified Playground](#)" providing a truly inclusive facility where children and adults of all abilities can play and learn together. The Arsenal Island workforce and Quad-Cities community is invited to the Boundless Playground dedication & Army Family Covenant signing ceremony on Monday, **April 21**, at 10 a.m., at the new Memorial Park



playground area. The event is taking place during [National Playground Safety Week](#), which takes place this year **April 21-25**, with this years' theme as "Safe Sliders!" The Boundless Playground dedication event parking will be located behind Memorial Field across the street from Bldg. 110. The new Boundless Playground provides a world of opportunity where children along with their parents, caregivers, military veterans, and family members have the opportunity to play side by side and gain the developmental and health benefits derived from unstructured play in an inclusive environment. The playground includes: ramped wheelchair access to the highest platform center, universally accessible pathways and surfacing, activity transfers that maximize accessibility, a swing with back support, elevated sand tables and activity panels, and activities for the hearing and visually impaired. A Boundless Playground provides a learning and growing environment so children develop a lifelong respect for and acceptance of individuals of all abilities. National Playground Safety Week was created by the National Program for Playground Safety, which works with national, state, and local community programs and schools to ensure





children's play areas are safe and high quality. ([Flyer](#))

## National Public Safety

**Telecommunicators Week:** The week of **April 13-19** is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This is an opportunity to honor the women and men who serve as our public safety dispatchers. They are the voice at the other end of the 9-1-1 call assisting a distraught caller and at the other end of the radio when police, firefighters, and medical personnel are responding to emergency situations. Often these "invisible" courageous professionals are the forgotten component of public safety. Telecommunicators Week began in California in 1981 and quickly grew to national recognition. Just ten years later, Congress designated the second full week of each April as a time to remember the critical role that Dispatchers play in keeping us all safe. If you've ever been the victim of a crime, been in a collision, reported a fire or needed emergency medical help, you've called 9-1-1 and been helped by a Telecommunicator, also known as a "dispatcher." Not being visible or



always recognized in the public eye, the critical role they play between the community and first responders is essential for every public safety call for service. Our Dispatchers are the direct link to our officers and firefighters in the field. They monitor the radios, computers, phones, and more; answering thousands of calls from our community each year. Please join us in conveying a big thank you to the often heard, but not seen "first of the first responders," our Rock Island Arsenal 9-1-1 dispatchers and call takers.

**RIA Retirement Ceremony:** Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, Commanding General of the United States Army Sustainment Command and Rock Island Arsenal, cordially invites you to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup>



Quarter FY14 Award, Retirement & Retreat Ceremony at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, Thursday, **April 24**, at 2 p.m. We will honor our retiring Department of the Army Civilians and exercise our Soldiers' first General Order by properly relieving them of their posts. Uniform for personnel not participating in the

ceremony is Military: Duty Uniform and Civilian: Casual.

## RIA/ASC SHARP Sexual Assault Awareness Month Community

**Run/Walk:** There will be a SHARP Sexual Assault Awareness Month Community 2.5-mile Run/Walk on **April 25**. The event is open to Arsenal Island employees & families. Participants will assemble at 6 a.m. on the Quarters One Lawn, with the event starting at 6:30 a.m. Uniform for military personnel is summer physical fitness uniform, shorts, short sleeve shirt (unit or service approved), long sleeve shirt (temperature below 39 degrees, unit or service approved); uniform for civilians is casual, tennis shoes (walking/running attire). ([More](#))



**VIOS Schedule for April and May:** Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **April 22, 23 and 24**; and **May 6, 7, and 8** (Note changes to previous April dates). Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the



[Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the VIOS site for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an official government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the RIA VIOS website. 2. Go to transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA Form 3903 to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

**Davenport Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps 7th Annual Blue Devil Raider Challenge:**  
Davenport Army Junior Reserve

Officers' Training Corps is hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Devil Raider Challenge, at the Naval Operations Support Center, Bldg. 218, on Arsenal Island, Saturday, **May 3**. High Schools from Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, are participating in the challenge. The challenge will start at approximately 7 a.m. on Saturday, with the award ceremony taking place at 3 p.m.

**Installation Full Scale Exercise:** Rock Island Arsenal will conduct the annual Full Scale Exercise on Wednesday, **May 14**, from approximately 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The exercise will involve a severe weather incident resulting in simulated damage to buildings and roads. Approximately 100 emergency responders from the Rock Island Arsenal and surrounding communities will be present conducting search and rescue operations. During the exercise, all Arsenal Island commands and organizations will practice their severe weather response, shelter-in-place and emergency communications plans. Families in on-post housing should also take this opportunity to practice their severe weather plan. In



addition, the installation evacuation plan will be exercised between 2:30-3:30 p.m. effecting personnel leaving Rock Island Arsenal. Be alert for changing traffic patterns during that timeframe. Rock Island Arsenal community's support of the full scale exercise is critical to keeping our Army Family safe.

**Update Your Information in the Global Address List Today:** Last year the Army completed its migration of more than 1.4 million users to DoD Enterprise Email. That transition provided the Army with several key capabilities including increased information security, more email storage, and an integrated Global Address List. The GAL is a comprehensive address list consisting of everyone in the DoD who has been issued a CAC card. Previously, GAL information was populated from multiple data feeds. In order to streamline the process, the DEE GAL is now populated from only one authoritative data feed. This data feed is



from the Defense Manpower Data Center, which hosts personnel data for everyone in the DoD. Army personnel now have the ability to update their GAL contact information using the [MilConnect portal](#). In addition to providing contact information, the [MilConnect portal](#) provides access to information regarding each person's family, their benefits, health care eligibility, personnel records, and more. [Detailed instructions on how to update MilConnect are located HERE](#). In April, I expect all Army personnel to update their contact data such as commercial phone number, DSN phone number, office address, duty organization, etc. and I expect organizations to incorporate updates to [MilConnect](#) as part of their in-processing and annual record update procedures. Thx Army Strong! – *John F. Campbell General, USA Vice Chief of Staff*

**Coming Back With Wes Moore:** As part of WQPT's "Embracing Our Military" initiative, we will host a special preview screening of "Coming Back With Wes Moore," followed by a panel discussion featuring local veterans. The event will be held at the Waterfront Convention Center on Thursday, **May 29**, 12-1:30 p.m., and will engage the community in a

discussion on some of the most difficult questions related to returning from war. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. In the series, which will air in three parts on WQPT, Moore takes viewers with him into the personal lives of different soldiers as they attempt to reintegrate into society, establish new identities and—for many—find a new mission. Each episode focuses on a different stage of coming home: "Coming Back" (**May 21**), "Fitting In" (**May 28**) and "Moving Forward" (**June 4**).

### **Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System:**

In light of recent weather and active shooter events at multiple installations throughout the federal service, the Garrison management team wants to ensure that everyone is aware of the availability of the [Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System](#). This system can be used at installations (and is already in use at many installations) to help account for personnel and family members, either assigned to or in the geographic area of an installation, in the event of an emergency. Military members are required to utilize [ADPAAS](#). For DA civilians, use of the system is strictly voluntary and you are

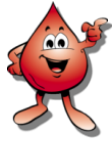
able to provide as much or as little (if any) information you would like to provide.

**Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop:** Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop and Boutique where every day is "Sale Day" is open in April every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Saturday, **April 19**. Visit our store in person, on Facebook, or on our website at [www.riamwr.com/attic.htm](http://www.riamwr.com/attic.htm). POC: (309) 782-6977.

**Blood Drives:** The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the [Caisson Room](#) (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, April 18, & May 9, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2<sup>nd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on April 25**. A **3<sup>rd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on May 16**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.



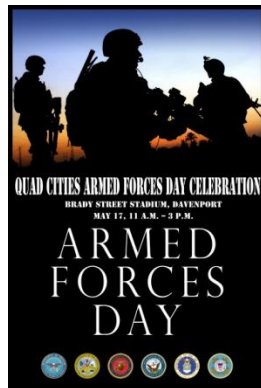
([Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive](#))



**Charlie Corpuscle asks,** *"How many units of blood were donated for patients at our local hospitals through blood drives held on Arsenal Island in 2013?"*  
**Answer:** 969. FYI – Each of those donations can touch the lives of as many as four patients in need!

**The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).**

**Quad Cities Armed Forces Day Celebration:** Mark your calendars, the Quad Cities Armed Forces Day Celebration will be held Saturday, **May 17**, at the Brady Street Stadium Complex in Davenport. The hours of operation will be 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. It is our opportunity for the Quad Cities to take part in Armed



Forces Day Celebrations being conducted nationwide. It is our goal to establish a positive display and media campaign to reach out to the community and educate them on the military and its history. The event will include participation from all of the military branches, the local reserve components, military associations, veterans' organizations, and the Quad City area High Schools Junior ROTC Programs. The celebration will feature equipment displays, live performances, presentations and table displays with the opportunity to visit with members from all of our nation's branches of service, including the US Coast Guard, Civil Air Patrol and local Military Explorers.

**RIA 2014 Prayer Luncheon:** There will be a Spiritual Resiliency Event held in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, Wednesday, **May 28**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The special guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Charles Bailey, 24<sup>th</sup> Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army. There is no cost to attend, but you must have a ticket and register in [TEDs](#). Tickets are available at any chaplain's office. POC: [Staff Sgt. Gene Lucas](#) at (309) 782-1116.



**AUSA Annual Golf Outing:** Save the date -- the 2014 Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the US Army will once again have its annual golf outing "A Round For Our Soldiers" on **July 17**, at 12 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Proceeds support Soldiers, civilians, families, local chapter activities, and the Army Emergency Relief Fund.



**TSP's Take FIVE for Your Future Campaign:** If you're younger than 45, retirement seems far away. But you could be missing out on thousands of dollars in matching money from your agency right now if you aren't contributing at least 5 percent of your salary to your Thrift Savings Plan account. Since April is Financial Literacy Month, the TSP has launched the "[Take FIVE for Your Future](#)" campaign to highlight the importance of saving early for retirement. In addition to a special video, we've created a highly graphic, interactive website [tsp.gov/takeFIVE](http://tsp.gov/takeFIVE) that follows a sample employee as he increases his retirement savings. We've





also sent mailings to Federal Employees Retirement System participants younger than 45 who are contributing less than 5 percent of their salaries.

### **Civilian Workforce Transformation:**

#### **Army Civilian Workforce**

Transformation, as established last year by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (ASA) Manpower & Reserve Affairs (M&RA), is chartered to look at existing civilian workforce programs and offer recommendations and modifications to realize the Army's vision of a civilian workforce management program able to attract and retain top talent and prepare the civilian workforce to succeed in leadership positions throughout the Army. CWT's efforts are focused on ensuring the civilian cohort is a trained and ready professional workforce with increased capabilities to execute the Army's current and future missions. CWT's primary goal is to produce a more "flexible and adaptable" civilian cohort to better support Army goals and missions today and in the future. ([More](#))

### **DoD Releases Estimated Impacts of Sequestration-Level Funding Report:**

Today, the Department of Defense released a report that documents the damaging cuts to military forces, modernization, and readiness that will

be required if defense budgets are held at sequester-levels in the years beyond fiscal 2015. This report fulfills a commitment made by Secretary Hagel to provide details on the effects of these undesirable budget cuts. ([More](#))

### **DoD Announces Comprehensive Review of Military Justice System:**

The Department of Defense announced today that it has undertaken a comprehensive review of the military justice system. This year-long effort was ordered by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, on the recommendation of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the DoD general counsel. The review is focused on the structure and operation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and the Manual on Courts-Martial and is being conducted by military justice experts drawn from each of the services, led by The Honorable Andrew Effron, former chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. ([More](#))

### **Arsenal Island Employee Local**

**Discounts:** *The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees –* **Sears Automotive, NorthPark Mall:** Military discount of 7% off for all members of the military, active, reserve, and retired military with

military ID; applying to name brand products, automotive services & labor; \$20.99 oil change; and \$69.95 wheel alignment. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount everyday to all military and veterans.

**The Slice:** Right off the Moline Bridge exit, is offering \$2 off their pizza buffet with drink to Rock Island Arsenal workers. **Double Tap Firearms:** Double Tap Firearms offers a 10 percent firearm discount and \$15 firearm transfer fee in Illinois to active duty and retired military personnel in the QCA ([🔗](#)).

**Bennigan's Rock Island:** Arsenal employees, service men, service women you are always welcome at Bennigan's in Rock Island, and to show you how much your welcome here, we offer a 25 percent discount off your meal, any day any time ([🔗](#)). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** Arsenal Island employees, we're offering you a 20 percent discount on our services ([🔗](#)). **Goebel Family Dentistry:** Active duty members of the military receive a 10 percent discount on all services. All other Arsenal civilian employees who are new patients can receive either the free exam and x-rays or a free whitening treatment on their first visit ([🔗](#)). *This information is included for general workforce interest*





and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.

## Arsenal Traffic/Construction



**Repairs to Beck Avenue:** USAG-RIA DPW will be repairing Beck Ave. beginning Monday, **April 21**, at 5:30 a.m.; and lasting until COB **April 27**. Beck Ave. will be closed to through traffic between Gillespie St and Sylvan Drive. Signage and barricades will be positioned at appropriate locations. Please see the attached drawing showing the location of the road closure and route to access parking lots 2F, 2G, and 2Z. The schedule is subject to weather conditions and will be adjusted as necessary.

### **Future Ft. Armstrong Construction:**

In the upcoming construction season, Rock Island Arsenal will be performing work on the intersection of Ft. Armstrong Drive and Rock Island Drive. This work will result in a full vehicle closure for the Installation's Rock Island Gate and Rock Island Viaduct, as well as restricting vehicles crossing the Government Bridge to "Installation-only" traffic. The American Discovery Trail will remain open. Construction is expected to last approximately two

months, barring major weather delays. The exact construction start date is currently unknown. However, we have been coordinating with external agencies in an effort to minimize impact to the surrounding communities.

## Building/Space Closures



*No Building/Space Closure related announcements this week.*

## Active Duty/Reserve Zone



**TRADOC Relooking NCO Education With Eye to 'Adaptation':** The Army is conducting a complete re-assessment of its NCO education system for the first time since 1976, said the general who just took the helm of Training and Doctrine Command. Gen. David G. Perkins, who assumed command of TRADOC on March 14, spoke at the Army's Brain Health Consortium, Thursday, at the Defense Health Headquarters. The ultimate weapon of the U.S. Army in the future must be the brains of its Soldiers, Perkins said. ([More](#))

**Military Spouse Fun Night:** Calling all military spouses! Thanks to the great support and continued interest, we have scheduled another Military Spouse Fun Night for Tuesday, **April 29**. Join us for a casual, relaxing, evening filled with food, fun, and friendship. Time of the event is 6 p.m. and we meet at the Army Community Services/USO Center in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, SE Wing. Please RSVP to Jan Saito at (309) 782-4736 or [janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil](mailto:janice.n.saito.civ@mail.mil)

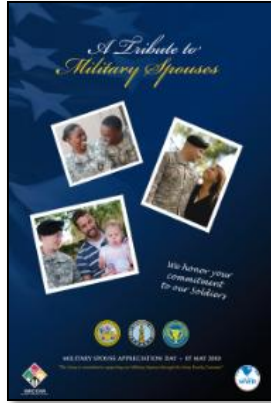
**Augustana Army Veterans to Share Their Experiences:** As two veterans of the War in Iraq prepare to graduate from Augustana College, they first plan to share their personal stories of military service. On Wednesday, **April 30**, at 7 p.m., Josh Brown, a biology major from Topeka, Kan., and J.D. Engelhardt, a communication studies, political science and religion major from Des Moines, Iowa, along with the Augustana Veterans Support Group, will present A Salute to Veterans in the dining room of the College Center (3750 7th Ave., Rock Island). Brown and Engelhardt will talk about their time in service, their experiences in Iraq and the challenges of transitioning to college life. They will offer their advice to other young veterans and to the families and communities that support them. Both



men both are army veterans of the Operation Iraqi Freedom who qualified for the Yellow Ribbon Program. ([More](#))

## **Military Spouse Appreciation Day:**

Friday, **May 9**, is National Military Spouse Appreciation Day, a day to recognize the efforts of all our military spouses. On that day, the Army Community Service is holding an observance event for National Military Spouse Appreciation Day 1-4 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. Featured speaker is Mrs. Rebekah Wharton, Installation and Army Sustainment Command Senior Leader Spouse. Featured entertainment will be provided by the Rivermont Collegiate Girls Choir. The event will also feature a ceremonial cake cutting by Senior Military Spouses, Laura Spencer of Army Sustainment Command and Bill Dempkowski, of Rock Island Arsenal Garrison Command. For more information about the event please call event coordinator Norricia Speights or



Tere Pouch at Army Community Service (309) 782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

## **Military Family Fun Night with Elmo:**

The USO of Illinois Discovery Kids Program invites military children to a special evening of crafts, learning, pizza, and a ticket to see the River Bandits play the Beloit Timber Rattlers, **May 9**, 5-6:30 p.m., on the Sky Deck or Modern Woodman Park with Sesame Street's Elmo! All children will receive goodie bags and tickets to the Quad Cities River Bandits baseball game at 7 p.m. as part of River Bandits Military Appreciation Day at the ballpark. Free participation is available to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and retired military children only. Make your reservations online at [tixfortroops.org](http://tixfortroops.org). A current military ID will be required at check-in. ([More](#))

**Operation Family Time Out:** Open to military kids and kids of deployed civilian ages 6 weeks to 12 years. This past January at the Two Rivers YMCA, the kids had a 4-H science activity on magnets. They learned how to levitate objects using magnets. They had a super fun time learning how magnetic force works. Not only were they interested with the experiment but they had many questions about the topic. Frank, a 4-H volunteer, engaged the children in

interactive, hands-on learning. We hope you can join us for another new science experiment and other educational programs that are coming up. Upcoming Programs will meet at the following YMCAs, 1-5 p.m. Upcoming programs are as follows: • **May 10** at the Two Rivers YMCA.

**AUSA 5<sup>th</sup> Region Training:** AUSA is hosting a dinner during our annual AUSA training, Friday night, **May 16**, at the Arsenal Club, Former Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston is the key note speaker. Dinner starts at 7 p.m., \$25 per plate. The Rock Island Chapter of AUSA would like to personally invite all Rock Island Arsenal Soldiers to attend. It's a great opportunity to be up close and personal with a former SMA. Dress is business casual or military uniform (ACUs is acceptable) Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston was sworn in as the 13<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Major of the Army on Jan. 15, 2004. SMA Preston has held a variety of leadership positions throughout his career ranging from cavalry scout to command sergeant major. As Sergeant Major of the Army, Preston serves as the Army Chief of Staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of



life. He devotes the majority of his time to traveling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to Soldiers and their Families. He sits on a wide variety of councils and boards that make decisions affecting enlisted Soldiers and their Families and is routinely invited to testify before Congress. ([link to register](#))

**Bix 7 Road Race 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Ed Froehlich, race director of the Bix & Road Race, has informed the community that this year's race will be free to all active duty military. The race is on **July 26** in Davenport. The 7 mile road race is annually held during late July, in the streets of downtown Davenport. The race was founded in 1975 by John Hudetz, a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa. After competing in the 1974 Boston Marathon, Hudetz was inspired to bring the excitement to the Quad-Cities with a race of his own. The inaugural race had a field consisting of eighty-four runners. Today the race is often run by 12,000 to 18,000 runners. ([More](#))

## Safety Spotlight



**Motorcycle Riding Courses:** The USAG Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Riding Courses for military

personnel. The motorcycle rider training program is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any military member operating a motorcycle on or off Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of a MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The approaching motorcycle training courses are scheduled as follows: • Basic Motorcycle Riding: **June 10-11** (two 8-hour days) • Experienced Rider Course: **June 12** (one 8-hour day) Registration for either course is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. Each course size is limited to 12 riders. If you need further information please contact either [Nancy Carlson](#) or [Michael Chaplin](#) via phone extension 782-1380.

## Equal Opportunity Focus



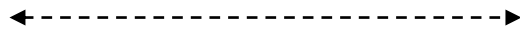
### **Holocaust Days of Remembrance**

**Observance:** The Arsenal Island 2014 Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance will be held on **April 29**, 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Further details will be forthcoming; please add this observance to your calendars. Sunday, April 27, through Sunday, May 4, 2014, is designated as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, the rescuers and liberators. This week further proclaims that everyone should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs. With a national theme Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses, the Holocaust Days of Remembrance invites people to look back 76 years at the events of 1938, to remember how citizens and countries responded to signs of impending war and the Holocaust. Army leadership encourages the entire Army family to demonstrate respect for all people and to encourage the same from everyone as the Army reaffirms its commitment to reject all forms of prejudice, bigotry, and hatred in the Army. During the week, April 27–May 4, 2014, the entire Army family will honor publicly, victims and survivors of the Holocaust, by telling their stories in





command information products at all levels. Army installations throughout the world will also honor them through local events during the week. Throughout the year, the Army will celebrate and commemorate the diversity in the Army and also leverage and draw strength from the rich diversity within the military and civilian ranks by recognizing their critical role in strengthening the nation and the Army.



## Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://www.riamwr.com) for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook, or Twitter [@golf1897](#), and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Memorial Park (Bldg. 150 or Fitness Center in case of inclement weather) for an Easter Egg Extravaganza. The festivities will include a golden Easter Egg hunt for different age groups



from 0-15 years, photos with the Easter Bunny, and all sorts of contests and games for all ages. There will also be an RIA Health Clinic teddy bear clinic so bring your favorite stuffed friend or doll to have it checked out for health and wellness. See the flyer for more info on the various contests or call (309) 782-2828. ([Flyer](#))

### **Easter Brunch at the Arsenal Island**

**Golf Course Clubhouse:** Come join us Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse for a

brunch in celebration of Easter. Bring the whole family and enjoy a delicious all you can eat buffet that features prime rib au jus, maple molasses glazed ham, sautéed chicken with marsala sauce and much more. The cost is \$21.95/adult and \$10.95/child (12 & under). Limited seating is available so don't miss out, call and make your reservation today at (309) 793-1601. ([Flyer](#))



**America's Kids Run:** Mark your calendars for the America's Armed Forces Kids Run, May 17, at Memorial Field, right here on Arsenal Island. This is open to the public, so please be sure to

share this event with all your friends and family. We will have a variety of races for children ages 3-13 years old. There will be a 100-yard dash for three to four year olds, a 1/2-mile run for five to six year olds; a one-mile run for 7-8 year olds, and a two-mile run for 9-13 year olds. These are all for fun, and are not timed. The first 200 people registered are guaranteed a t-shirt and an award. The race will begin at 9 a.m. Race cost is \$5. We will also have family activities after the race. [Register HERE](#) or call (309) 782-0511 for more information. ([Flyer](#))

**Auto Skills Newsletter:** Check out the March edition of the Auto Skills newsletter for some great info on potholes, the dangers they pose to your automobile and how we can help you avoid costly repairs. Also in this month's issue: Spring car care month specials and info on a bus trip to see a NASCAR race this spring. ([Check it out here](#))

**MWR 2014 Garden Plots:** Do you have a green thumb but no place of your own to dig in the dirt? Sign up to use one of our garden plots this spring to grow all your favorite fruits, veggies, flowers, etc. Each plot is approx. 20' x 20' and can be rented for the entire growing season for just \$25 + \$100



refundable cleaning deposit. Sign-ups will be staggered and allotted based on patronage eligibility. For more information and complete details phone Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630. ([Flyer](#))

## MWR Leisure Travel Office



**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

**Always a Bridesmaid:** In this hilarious comedy, four high school friends made a vow to be in each other's weddings, no matter what. Little did they know, thirty years later, they'd still be keeping that promise. Join Deedra, Monette, Charlie and Libby Ruth through the years as they navigate the choppy and unpredictable waters of their friendship and many marriages. Discounted seats on sale until **April 26.**

Date: **Saturday, May 10**  
Time: **5:45 p.m.**

**Monster Jam:** Monster Jam will be coming to the iWireless Center for two days. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets available for \$20 for adults and

\$13.50 for children under 12-years-old. On sale until **April 28.**  
Date: **Saturday, May 17**  
Time: **7 p.m.**

**MWR 2014 Spring Fair:** Come and check out our spring vendors **April 30 and May 1**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Here are some of the vendors you can look forward to seeing: Barb's Garden & Pantry, TheOther Mrs. Siths Pies, Sweet Pea Bows, Nancy's Corn, Jeannie's Dips & Mixes, Tastefully Simple, Dezigns by M, Perfectly Posh, Thirty-One Gifts, Scentsy, Paperlooza, Vista, Mary Kay, Creatively Different, Velata, Custom Buffalo Jewelry, Avon and much more. ([Flyer](#))

**FMWR's 1<sup>st</sup> Nationwide NASCAR Race Bus Trip:** Leisure Travel/Auto Shop have seats available for the bus trip to the Iowa Speedway in Newton Iowa. Bus will depart from the Auto Shop at 6:30 a.m. please arrive early for refreshments compliments of the Auto Shop. ½ stop to and from the Iowa Speedway. You are allowed to bring a small cooler. Cost of trip is \$69.  
Date: **Sunday, May 18**  
Time: **6:30 a.m.**

**Lincoln Park Zoo/Museum Bus Trip:** Drop offs at the Museum of Science & Industry, at the Museum Campus (Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Planetarium) and at Lincoln Park Zoo. Admission to Museums on own. No general admission at Lincoln Park Zoo. Cost is \$41 per person. Limited seats available.  
Date: **Saturday, June 28**  
Time: **6:30 a.m.**

**Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier:** Join us for one of the most popular bus trips Leisure Travel offers every year. Dropping off at the Taste of Chicago or Navy Pier. Choice is up to you. Admission to Taste of Chicago is free. Cost is \$41 per person. Limited seats available.  
Date: **Saturday, July 12**  
Time: **6:30 a.m.**

**Walt Disney Military Promotion**  
**Tickets:** Disney has renewed the Armed Forces Salute for yet another year. The offer will run **Sept. 29, 2013 – Sept. 27, 2014.** Qualified individuals may purchase up to a maximum of six theme park tickets during the period. Four-Day Park Hopper tickets \$169 Four-Day Water Park & More tickets for \$169 Four-Day Park Hopper tickets plus the Water Park & More option for \$198, **April 13** (no theme park or water park



use) **July 4** (no Magic Kingdom use)  
Please allow three weeks for ticket arrival when ordering.

**Universal Studios Orlando:** This special ticket is good for unlimited admission for three days over a seven consecutive day period from first redemption. Universal Orlando Resort is more than a theme park, it is an entire universe of action and thrills featuring two spectacular theme parks unlike anything else in Orlando. Ticket expires on **May 9**; unused days shall be forfeited.

**Davenport Cinemark 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX Theatre:** Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53<sup>rd</sup> cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.

## Child, Youth & School Services

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**CYSS In-Service Day:** The Child Development Center, the CD Home, Family Child Care Homes and the School Age Center will be closed for In-Service Day on Friday, **May 23**. Fees

for this day will not be reduced, refunded or prorated. Department of Army maintains a strong commitment to training and career growth. The secret of a high quality, well- run program for children lies in the training of its personnel. This day is set aside annually for staff to participate in required training and appreciate them for their hard work and dedication. Training is essential to ensure that each child is receiving quality care. Training allows staff to learn about current knowledge and research of child development and early childhood education. Training opportunities ensure teachers have the time to revisit policies and procedures designed to maintain a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. Staff are revitalized through networking with others and sharing ideas. Thank you for your continued support and strong commitment to our programs and staff. If you have any questions regarding this closure day, please contact your specific program director.

### Opening of Creative Arts Academy:

In the Fall of 2014, Davenport Community Schools will open the Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities, housed in community arts facilities throughout downtown

Davenport and supported by arts partners from across the Quad Cities. The Creative Arts Academy will offer experiences in five disciplines based on participants interests, including Communications and Media Arts, Dance, Music, Theatre and the Visual Arts. In its first year, the Creative Arts Academy will serve three audiences: 1) a first cohort of 6<sup>th</sup> graders; 2) Dream students (high school juniors and seniors aspiring to careers in the arts) and 3) the general community. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and Dream students will be required to audition into the program, but community offerings and workshops will be open to all.

Date: **Monday, Aug. 11**

## Army Community Service (ACS)



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> floor SE; Visit our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here.](#) 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412





## **Army Emergency Relief Kicks Off**

**2014 Campaign:** AER begins its annual fundraising drive in April. The theme of this year's Campaign is "A Soldiers First Choice."

The money is used to fund grants, scholarships, and gift cards for Wounded Warriors. Organizational key persons will begin contacting our military personnel and retirees soon. For more information or to make a donation, contact Army Community Service at (309) 782-1499 or [jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil) or the installation campaign coordinator, Staff Sgt. Bryan Lineback, (309) 782-2131, [bryan.lineback@us.army.mil](mailto:bryan.lineback@us.army.mil).



## **Employee Assistance Program**



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, East.

## **Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:**

More Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that individuals who abuse prescription drugs often obtain them from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Also, there has been a drastic increase in the amount of hospital visits due to poisonings from medication for children five and under. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away which are both potential safety and health hazards. Free your mind from the worry of finding that your old and expired medication is missing. The Army Substance Abuse Program is providing an opportunity to dispose of your unused and expired prescription drugs. On **April 29** and **30**, the ASAP



and law enforcement will be collecting unused and expired prescription drugs at the following places and times: • **April 29**, 6-8:15 a.m., and 2:30-4:45 p.m., at Memorial Field Pavilion; • **April 30**, 6-8:15 a.m., and 2:30-4:45 p.m., in the Arsenal Fire Station Bay. We are unable to accept needles or syringes. If you have needles or syringes to dispose of, you can call the Arsenal Health Clinic for their requirements for disposal. For more information about the prescription drug take-back day call the Army Substance Abuse Program at (309) 782-4357.

**Assertiveness Training:** Do you want to learn strategies to communicate effectively and to enhance yourself personally and professionally? Sign up for Assertiveness Training. Classes will be offered **May 6, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'assertiveness') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program

**Time Management:** Do you feel that there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for



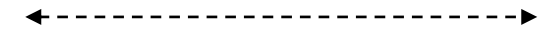
more fun? Sign up for a Time Management class. Classes will be offered **April 22, May 13, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'Time Management') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program

**PTSD Support Groups:** Help is available if you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

**Grief Support Group:** The Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a support group for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The group meets on Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 122. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.

**Smoking Cessation Group:** Do you want to learn effective ways to kick the habit? The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational

support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, East Wing.



## Education/Training Review



**The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.**

**AUSA- Rock Island Arsenal Chapter Scholarship:** The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is holding its annual scholarship application competition for two \$1,000 scholarships. This scholarship is open to applicants within the Rock Island Arsenal footprint covering the western Illinois, Eastern Iowa region. Previous recipients of any of our scholarships are not eligible for consideration. The application and all required documents must be mailed together in one envelope to the following address: Rock Island Arsenal Chapter Association of the United States

Army, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 3276, Rock Island, IL 61201. Scholarship applications are available on the [Rock Island AUSA website](#).

Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 30**. All applicants will be notified by email by the **end of May 2014**. Scholarship funds will be presented to the student prior to the fall semester. The awarded funds will be in the form of a check issued to the student's college, university, or technical school. Recipients of the chapter scholarships and their guests will be honored at an AUSA general membership meeting prior to the 2014 school year. The funds must be used during the 2014-2015 school year. The RIA AUSA scholarship committee reserves sole rights to determine that each applicant meets eligibility criteria as stated in the scholarship application packet. If you have any questions concerning the application packet or would like further information, please contact the scholarship committee chairperson, Tim Considine, at [considinet@aol.com](mailto:considinet@aol.com).

**St. Ambrose University Lunch & Learn:** St. Ambrose is hosting informative lunch-n-learn sessions to learn how you can take advantage of special tuition rates. In support of our



military and civilian personnel on the Arsenal, St. Ambrose offers special pricing at a fraction of the regular tuition rate for MBA students, **June 4**, Bldg. 56, Room 116, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., or 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Priority will be given to military personnel. RSVP today to reserve your seat. Call (563)333-6170 or [leonardmichelem@sau.edu](mailto:leonardmichelem@sau.edu). The Garrison POC is Michelle Beck, (309) 782-0965, [michelle.p.beck.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michelle.p.beck.civ@mail.mil).

## Commissary / Exchange

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The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and

**other Commissaries, visit:**  
[www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) ([Facebook](#))

### **Exchange Shoppers Are in The Hunt for \$3,000 in Gift Cards in Easter Contest:**

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service wants to fill shoppers' baskets with \$3,000 in Exchange gift cards just in time for Easter with its latest contest sponsored by Hershey, Mars and Wrigley. The Hunt Is On contest starts at the Exchange where shoppers search for clues throughout the store. A clue map can be picked up at the store or downloaded from the Exchange's Patriot Family Connection website at <http://shopmyexchange.com/patriotfamily>. After collecting all five answers, contestants can go to the Exchange's Facebook page to post their findings. All five correct answers must be provided to qualify for the prizes.

**Commissaries Highlight Month of Military Child with Savings:** April is the Month of the Military Child, and commissaries are celebrating with giveaways and savings for the entire family. "Children in military households face unique challenges because of the demands of military life," said Randy Chandler, DeCA's sales director. "So, at the Defense Commissary Agency, we

want to acknowledge them and do all we can to provide their families with great values on quality products they can depend on." DeCA's industry partners - vendors, suppliers and brokers - are collaborating with commissaries in April to offer discounts beyond everyday savings.

## Arsenal Archive

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**Information for the *Arsenal Archive* is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))**

**Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society – May Meeting 2014:** The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, **May 1**, in the Veranda Room of the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be a tossed salad with bread sticks, chicken picatta, pasta, seasonal vegetable medley, rolls and a Chef's Choice dessert, all prepared by the golf club kitchen, \$14, including tax and tip. This event is open to both members and non-members. Interested



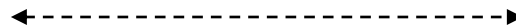


parties may choose to attend only the program portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. at no cost. Guest speaker will be Kris Leinicke, director of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, who will present the program: "Women at Rock Island Arsenal in the First and Second World Wars." Leinicke has been employed at the museum for the past thirty years. For reservations call Monica (563) 650-4349 or Linda (563) 355-6165 or email [chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto:chiicaliinda@aol.com). Reservations are due by noon on Monday, **April 28**. Cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for cost incurred and billed accordingly. If further clarification is required on this notice, please call Kris Leinicke at (309) 782-3518.

### **This Week in Rock Island Arsenal**

**History – April 14-20:** Construction of Shop L (Bldg. 250), originally designed as an ammunition loading plant for shells and fuzes, began on April 16, 1917. In April 1883, excavation work for Storehouse A, which was located behind Shop A (Bldg. 102), had begun. On April 19, 1960, the Quad-Cities Home Builder's Association offered to renovate the Col. George Davenport Home. On April 19, 1864, the U.S. Congress passed an Act that instructed the U.S. Government to obtain

possession of and title to property on Rock Island that was held or controlled by private interests. The Secretary of War was authorized to hold full, complete, and permanent possession of "all the lands, and shores of the island of Rock Island." The Secretary of War was further instructed to hold and keep Rock Island as a military reservation for the purpose of building an arsenal for the construction, deposit, and repair of arms and munition of war, and such other military establishments as authorized by law. The Act also provided for a board of commissioners to hear and settle the land claims of private parties. On April 20, 1864, the cornerstone of the first permanent Arsenal building, later known as the Clock Tower, was laid..



## Healthbeat

### **Ergonomics Meets Munitions--**

**Keeping Workers Safe:** A quality work environment is a collaborative effort to keep workers safe and healthy. In a facility like the Anniston (Ala.) Munitions Center, many factors influence the work environment and can be modified to improve worker well-being. U.S. Army Public Health Command ergonomists went to Anniston, Ala., in January to survey

facilities, evaluate work processes and provide training to local industrial hygienists and safety personnel--all to help enhance the working environment at the facility. By looking at the tools; physical activities, such as bending or lifting, that affect the body; and environmental factors such as noise and lighting that might affect hearing, vision or comfort, ergonomists can suggest modifications that enhance worker health. ([More](#))

### **Army First-Aid Kits Include New Eye Shield:**

Soldiers whose eyes are injured during combat have a better chance of returning to duty with their vision intact due to some revisions in the Army's first-aid kit. The rigid eye shield was added as a component to the Army's "Individual First-Aid Kit II," which was distributed to the first Army units in the fall of 2013. When properly worn, the shields can protect a service member's eye from further damage after an initial eye injury is sustained during combat operations. ([More](#))

**Tricare Tip of the Week:** Sometimes Tricare beneficiaries forget who their Primary Care Manager is. If you are enrolled in Tricare Prime, Tricare Prime Remote or Tricare Young Adult Prime, you can use the Beneficiary Web



Enrollment to see who your assigned PCM is. Have a Great Tricare Day!

## Notes for Veterans

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**Independent 2013 Survey Shows Veterans Highly Satisfied with VA Care:** The American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), an independent customer service survey, ranks the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) customer satisfaction among Veteran patients among the best in the nation and equal to or better than ratings for private sector hospitals. The 2013 ACSI report assessed satisfaction among Veterans who have recently been patients of VA's Veterans Health Administration (VHA) inpatient and outpatient services. ACSI is the nation's only cross-industry measure of customer satisfaction, providing benchmarking between the public and private sectors.  
([More](#))

## Carpooling Announcements

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Submit carpooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your

announcement off once you have found a ride.

**Did You Know?:** The [AMTBP \(Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program\)](#) is a program where Army employees can qualify for up to \$245 in reimbursements for use of mass transportation (to include van pooling).  
([More](#))



## Carpool:

- **Ride:** Looking for a ride and pay for gas. Location – Sherwood Forest Apartment, Davenport. Call thru Illinois relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at (309) 782-1078 (TTY). ([Email](#))
- **Carpool:** Carpool from Rio, Ill., looking for people to carpool with along 150. Please call (309) 782-5472.
- **Carpool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9<sup>th</sup> & 53<sup>rd</sup>, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.

## Around the Q.C.



**April 24:** [Junk Drawer Robotics Night](#) (The Nut House, 2215 4th Ave., Rock Island)  
**April 26:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)  
**May 2-3:** [Army JROTC 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge](#) (Naval Operations Support Center, Bldg. 218, Arsenal Island)  
**May 3:** [Village in Bloom: Festival of the Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**May 3:** [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse)  
**May 3:** [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)  
**May 9:** Military Appreciation Day at the Quad-Cities River Bandits game (Modern Woodmen Park) *free tickets courtesy of AUSA for all military, active, Reserve, Guard, and veterans. You can pick up tickets at the USO office or see an AUSA representative in Bldg. 131*  
**May 10:** [Duck Creek/Mississippi River LOOP Trail Ride](#) (Bettendorf & Davenport Trails)  
**May 10-11:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**May 16:** AUSA 5<sup>th</sup> Region Training (Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse) *Guest Speaker SMA (ret) Preston, guest speaker at the Arsenal Golf Course Dining Room*  
**May 17:** Quad Cities Armed Forces Day Celebration, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Brady Street Stadium Complex, Davenport)  
**May 17:** [5<sup>th</sup> Annual You Were Made for This 5K](#) (Young Life, Moline)  
**May 17:** [Livefit With Lupus Run 5K](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)  
**May 17:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)  
**May 26:** [49<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)



**May 31:** [Color the Quads 5K Run & Kids Fun Run](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)

**June 3-7:** [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (Rock Island)

**June 6-7:** [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)

**June 6-7:** [22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

**June 7-8:** [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**June 12:** [Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour](#) (Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf)

**June 12-15:** [19<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

**June 13:** QC Military Gala – Army Birthday Ball (Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)

**June 14:** [Run for the Hills XC 5K](#) (Crow Creek Park, Bettendorf)

**June 14:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**June 14-15:** [Juneteenth](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**June 15:** [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**June 16:** [12<sup>th</sup> Annual YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)

**June 17-21:** [145<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Island County Fair](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds, East Moline)

**June 21:** [Inaugural Micro Brew Mile & 6k Road Race](#) (Moline)

**June 21:** [Royal Ball Run For Autism 5K](#) (Milan, Ill.)

**June 21-22:** [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quad-Cities Amputee Golf Outing](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)

**June 22:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Deere Family Homes, Moline)

**June 27-28:** [Greek Cultural Fest](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)

**July 3:** [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District & Downtown Davenport)

**July 3-5:** [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**July 4:** [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

**July 4:** [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Bettendorf)

**July 7-13:** [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)

**July 8-13:** John Deere Classic Military Special (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.) *There will have a AUSA military hospitality Tent on Sunday on the 15th Green, free admission to the JDC with a military ID card*

**July 10-12:** [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

**July 12:** [Case Creek Obstacle Run 5K](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)

**July 12:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**July 16:** [5<sup>th</sup> Annual High Five Tour](#) (Davenport)

**July 17:** [AUSA Annual "A Round For Our Soldiers" Golf Outing, at 12 p.m.](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)

**July 25-26:** [43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Street Fest Presented by the MVRBC](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**July 26:** [41<sup>st</sup> Annual Quad-City Times Bix7](#)

**July 29-Aug. 3:** [95<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

**July 31-Aug. 3:** [43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)

**Aug. 2:** [British Auto Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

**Aug. 7:** [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freedom Run 5K](#) (East Moline, Ill.)

**Aug. 7-9:** [Great Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

**Aug. 8-9:** [22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

**Aug. 9:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**Aug. 9-10:** [28<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Airport, Mount Joy, Iowa)

**Aug. 15-16:** [10<sup>th</sup> Annual River Roots Live & Rockin' Rib Fest](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**Aug. 16:** [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

**Aug. 22-24:** [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway)

**Aug. 23:** [Silvis Home Run 5K](#) (Shadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)

**Aug. 30-31:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

**Sept. 1:** [Bettendorf Rotary Run with Carl](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)

**Sept. 5-21:** [East West Riverfest](#) (Various QC Locations)

**Sept. 6:** [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**Sept. 6:** [¡Viva! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri, Bettendorf)

**Sept. 6:** [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

**Sept. 6-7:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**Sept. 13:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**Sept. 19-20:** [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

**Sept. 20:** [15<sup>th</sup> Annual WQPT Brew Ha Ha](#)

**Sept. 20-21:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)

**Sept. 28:** [17<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Marathon](#)





**Sept. 26-28: Hot Air Balloon Festival**  
(Kennedy Square, East Moline)

**Oct. 4: Night of the Running Dead 5K**  
(Davenport)

**Oct. 4: GiGi's Super Hero Run** (Bettendorf)

**Oct. 11: Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta**  
(on the Mississippi River in Moline)

**Oct. 11: Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show** (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**Oct. 12: Apple Fest** (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

**Oct. 23: Fright Night** (The District, Rock Island)

**Oct. 25: Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race** (Moline)

**Oct. 25-26: Boo at the Zoo** (Niabi Zoo, Milan, Ill.)

**Nov. 22: Festival of Trees Parade**  
(Downtown Davenport)

**Nov. 22: Lighting on the John Deere Commons** (John Deere Commons, Moline)

**Nov. 22: Holiday Pops Concert** (Downtown Moline)

**Dec. 7: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas** (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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